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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/702,335	Applicant(s) SCOTT ET AL.	
	Examiner James L. Swiger	Art Unit 3733	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) James L. Swiger. (3)_____

(2) Maria Cominou. (4)_____

Date of Interview: 09 October 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 31.

Identification of prior art discussed: Johnson et al. (US Patent 5,683,469).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Representative for applicant wished to discuss the final office action mailed on 8/24/2007. Representative disagreed with the rejection, which was further discussed and explained. The examiner explained that the prior art, in light of the claims, could read on axes that are aligned but at least have a handle that is still offset at a location relative to the axes. The novelty was discussed as the handle being specifically offset--but for further clarification could be considered to be fixed relative to the axes. It was suggested to further clarify the location and manner of handle fixation. Further amendments would be viewed towards allowance, but may require additional search and consideration.